GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7206
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PENDING COURT CASES
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintain any separate record of civil cases at various courts pertaining to Senior Citizen litigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether there is any provision in the existing legislation which provide the benefits to all senior citizens to get their cases disposed of on priority basis in stipulated time;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the action taken or proposed to be taken to amend the law in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R.BHARDWAJ)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Priority is being accorded for speedy disposal of cases relating to senior citizens, disabled persons and women. In the year 1999, the Chief Justice of India wrote to the Chief Justices of all High Courts to identify and dispose of matters on priority basis in which persons above 65 years of age were involved. More recently the Union Government has impressed on the Chief Ministers of States and the Chief Justices of High Courts to earmark one Fast Track Court, where there are more than one, to deal exclusively with cases involving senior citizens. Most of the High Courts have issued instructions for according priority for disposal of cases relating to senior citizens.

As regards Supreme Court, matters relating to Senior Citizens of the age from 65 onwards have been included in the Terminal List of 2004 to be given priority for listing.